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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2882

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Examiner: C. RIDDLE

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For: EXPOSURE METHOD, EXPOSURE APPARATUS, EXPOSURE SYSTEM AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Claims 1, 3-12, 14-23, 26-30 and 40-42 are pending in this application. In reply to the January 20, 2011 Office Action, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims at least in light of the following remarks.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3, 6-12, 14, 19-23, 26, 27 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ozawa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,739,898) in view of Fujishima et al. (JP 2000-058436¹). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claim 1 recites "a wavelength of said exposure light that enters said space for said at least one exposure is the same as a wavelength of said exposure light that enters said space for said another exposure." The Office Action admits that Ozawa fails to disclose these

¹ The Office Action includes a typographical error that indicates that Fujishima is JP 2000-057436.